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**WELCOME** to the first issue of the *Cattle & Milk Review*! Let me begin by thanking all participants from the cattle and dairy industries for their continued support and cooperation – especially the producers who provide data for *NASS Cattle and Dairy* surveys. Without their commitment and participation, this report would not be available.

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## WISCONSIN AND U.S. CATTLE INVENTORY

Wisconsin's inventory of cattle is up 50,000 head from 2009. Milk cow inventory increased to 1.26 million head keeping Wisconsin ranked second behind only California. Nationally, cattle inventory decreased 1 percent from last year.

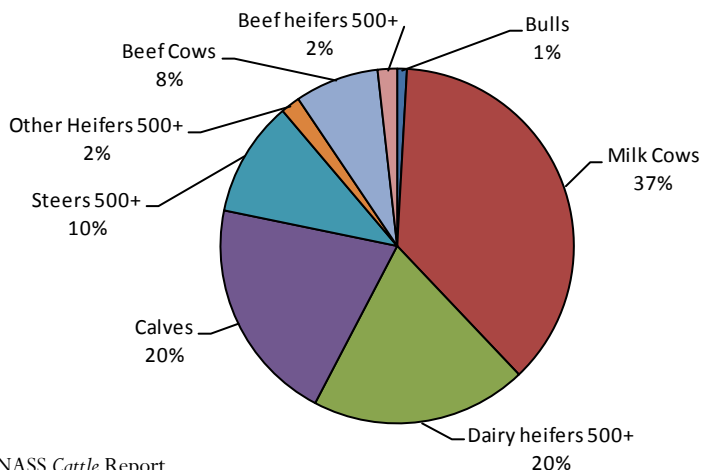
### Cattle and Calves, Number by Class, Wisconsin, Selected States, and United States, January 1, 2008–2010

	Total Cattle and Calves			Beef cows that have calved			Milk cows that have calved		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
<b>Wisconsin</b>	3,350	3,350	3,400	270	265	260	1,250	1,255	1,260
California	5,450	5,250	5,150	655	620	610	1,835	1,840	1,760
Kansas	6,650	6,300	6,000	1,505	1,505	1,434	115	125	116
Nebraska	6,450	6,350	6,250	1,883	1,851	1,781	57	59	59
Oklahoma	5,400	5,400	5,450	2,053	2,038	2,073	67	62	57
Texas	13,600	13,600	13,300	5,150	5,170	5,140	400	430	410
<b>United States</b>	96,035	94,521	93,701	32,435	31,712	31,376	9,257	9,333	9,081
	Calf Crop <sup>1</sup>			Beef Replacement Heifers <sup>2</sup>			Milk Replacement Heifers <sup>1</sup>		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
	1,000 Head			1,000 Head			1,000 Head		
<b>Wisconsin</b>	1,360	1,350	1,370	65	65	60	655	650	670
California	2,010	2,010	1,990	110	115	120	800	780	750
Kansas	1,470	1,430	1,390	255	255	240	70	65	70
Nebraska	1,760	1,730	1,680	300	320	310	20	20	20
Oklahoma	1,940	1,880	1,900	410	390	405	30	30	25
Texas	4,800	4,800	4,750	750	790	760	180	220	250
<b>United States</b>	36,759	36,153	35,819	5,647	5,531	5,436	4,415	4,410	4,516

<sup>1</sup> Calves born the previous year.

<sup>2</sup> Replacement Heifers over 500 Lbs.

### Wisconsin Cattle Inventory January 1, 2010



Source: USDA-NASS Cattle Report

*Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan accounted for 8 percent of the nation's Cattle and Calves on January 1, 2010.*

*Wisconsin received 92,000 cattle and calves from other states and shipped 123,433 to other states in 2008, down 3 percent and 5 percent, respectively, from 2007.*

*There were 818 slaughter plants under federal inspection in the U.S. on January 1, 2009, compared with 807 in 2008.*

Sources: USDA-NASS 2008 Livestock Slaughter, 2009 Wisconsin Annual Statistical Bulletin, and 2010 Cattle and Calves

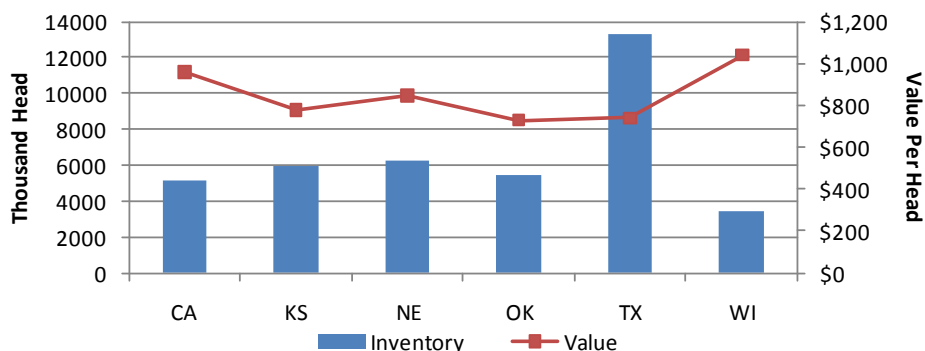
## WISCONSIN AND U.S. CATTLE PRICES

Wisconsin's cattle and calf prices per head are down 17 percent from 2009. Nationally prices are down 5 percent. The average annual price per head of Wisconsin Cattle and Calves on January 1, 2010 was \$1,040.

### All Cattle and Calves: Annual Value per Head and Total Value, Wisconsin, Selected States, and United States, 2008–2010

	Dollars Per Head			Value % change 2010/09	Total Value			Total % change 2010/09
	2008	2009	2010		2008	2009	2010	
<b>Wisconsin</b>	1,420	1,260	1,040	-17	4,757,000	4,221,000	3,536,000	-16
California	1,280	930	960	3	6,976,000	4,882,500	4,944,000	1
Kansas	880	800	780	-3	5,852,000	5,040,000	4,680,000	-7
Nebraska	950	870	850	-2	6,127,500	5,524,500	5,312,500	-4
Oklahoma	860	750	730	-3	4,644,000	4,050,000	3,978,500	-2
Texas	860	770	740	-4	11,696,000	10,472,000	9,842,000	-6
<b>United States</b>	990	872	829	-5	95,112,820	82,435,620	77,677,310	-6

### All Cattle and Calves: Number and Value per Head Wisconsin and Selected States, January 1, 2010

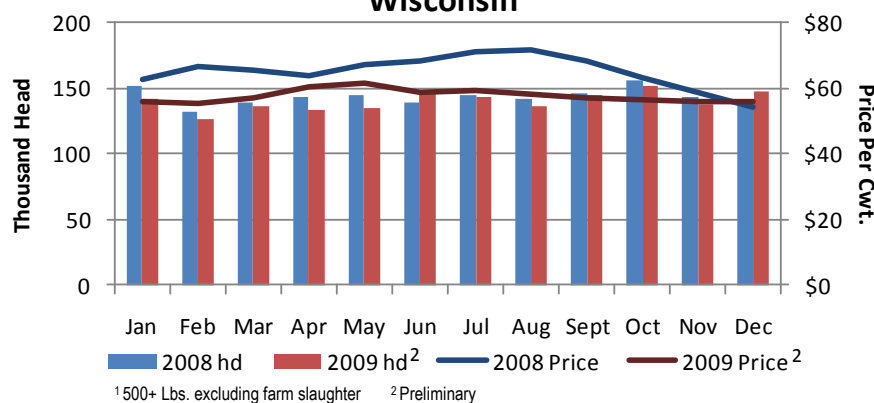


Source: USDA-NASS Prices Report

## WISCONSIN SLAUGHTER AND PRICES RECEIVED

Commercial slaughter of Cattle for Wisconsin totaled 1,723,700 head in 2008. Monthly comparisons for 2008 and preliminary 2009 are shown in the chart below, along with the average monthly price received by farmers. The December 2009 Cattle price was \$56.10/cwt.

### Cattle Monthly Slaughter<sup>1</sup> and Prices Received, Wisconsin



Source: USDA-NASS Commercial Slaughter Report

# MILK PRODUCTION

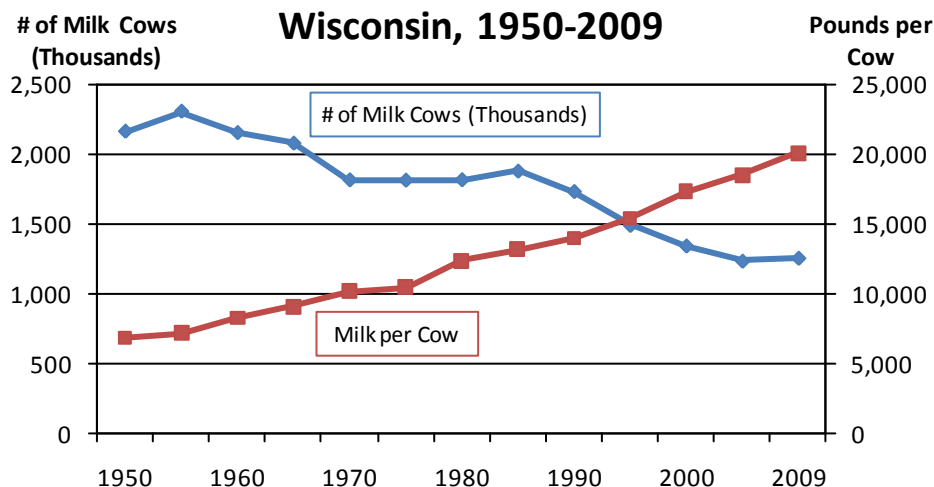
Annual Milk Production, Selected States and United States, 2008-2009

State	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Rate per cow <sup>2</sup>		Production <sup>2</sup>		Production % change 2009/08
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	1,000 head		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
<b>Wisconsin</b>	1,252	1,257	19,546	20,079	24,472	25,239	+3
California	1,844	1,796	22,344	22,000	41,203	39,512	-4
Idaho	549	550	22,432	22,091	12,315	12,150	-1
Michigan	350	355	22,180	22,445	7,763	7,968	3
Minnesota	464	469	18,927	19,230	8,782	9,019	3
New Mexico	338	325	23,269	24,320	7,865	7,904	n.c.
New York	626	619	19,859	20,071	12,432	12,424	n.c.
Pennsylvania	549	545	19,262	19,360	10,575	10,551	n.c.
Texas	418	423	20,134	20,898	8,416	8,840	+5
<b>United States</b>	9,315	9,201	20,395	20,576	189,982	189,320	n.c.

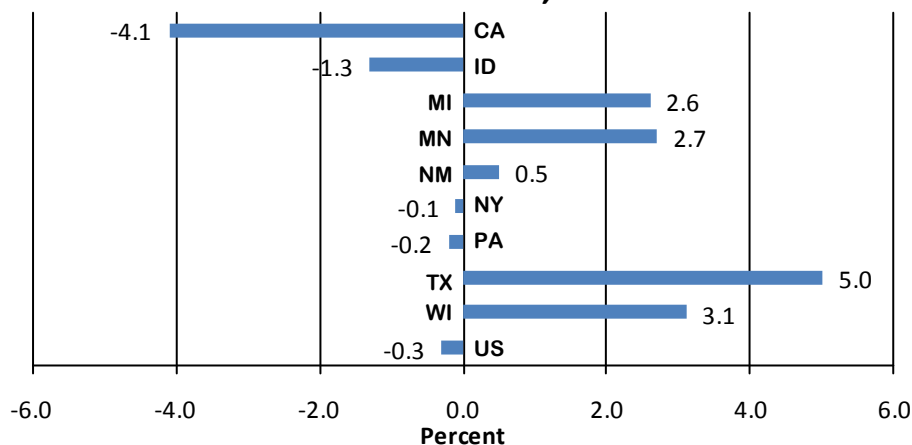
<sup>1</sup>Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup>Excludes milk sucked by calves. Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO.

## Number of Milk Cows vs. Milk Per Cow

### Wisconsin, 1950-2009



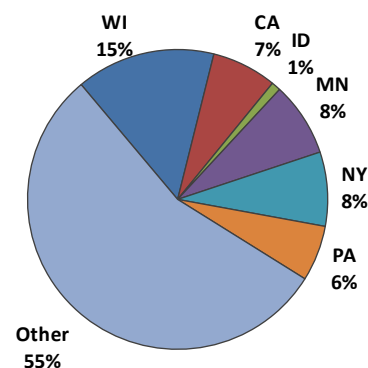
## Percent Change in Milk Production Selected States and U.S., 2009 vs. 2008



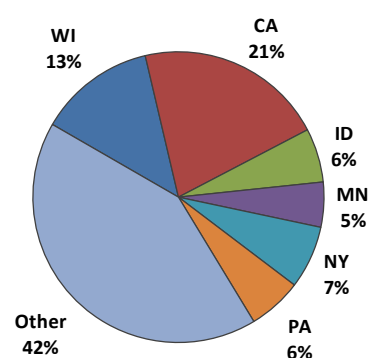
Source: USDA-NASS February 2009 Milk Production

*Wisconsin set a new milk production record in 2009, with 25.2 billion pounds. Milk per cow broke 20,000 lbs. for the first time.*

Percent of US Milk Production, By State, 1960



Percent of US Milk Production, By State, 2009



*As of January 1, 2010 there were 12,929 licensed milk cow operations in Wisconsin, down 519 from a year ago.*

*TO WISCONSIN CATTLE AND MILK PRODUCERS:* This report contains results collected from the January Cattle and Milk Production Surveys. Your operation, large or small, represents Wisconsin agriculture. We appreciate your assistance in providing timely and accurate data. Thank you for your support.

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